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Copper Coins of German States

Comprising Coins Issued by Kingdoms, Princely Houses, Spiritual Lords, and by Cities and Towns.

By O. P. EKLUND, Spokane, Wash.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH.)

CORVEY.

An Abbey in Westphalia.

John Christian, 1620-1638.

394. 1 pfenning, 1638. Obv., IO. CH. ABB. COR. Shield of arms. Rev., S. VITVS. AO. 1638. Numeral in center, within circle. Very rare.

No. 395.

395. III pfenning, 1638. Similar. Very rare.

Arnold, 1638-1661.

396. 1 pfenning, 1640-46. Obv., ARNOLD . A . B . CORB. Arms (a bull's head, facing) within circle. Rev., similar to in preceding reign. Rare.

397. III pfenning, 1641-49. Similar. Rare.

398. IIII pfenning, 1648. Obv., D. G. ABBAS . CORVEI. In field, a large A under a bishop's mitre. Rev., LANT MVNT . 1648. Numerals in center. Very rare.

399. 1 pfenning, without date. Similar. Extremely rare.

Florence, 1696-1714.

400. 1 pfenning, 1704. Obv., FLORENT . D. G. AB. C. R. I. P. 1704. Oval shield of arms, crowned. Rev., FURSTL . CORVEY . LAND MUNTZ. Value in field, within circle.

401. II pfenning, 1704. Similar.

Maximillian, 1714-1721.

402. 1 pfenning, 1715. Obv., MAXIMIL. D. G. A. C. S. R. I. P. Oval

shield of arms, crowned. Rev., FURST . CORVEY LAND MUNTZ. 1715. Value in field.

403. II pfenning, 1715. Similar, but sword and crozier behind the shield.

No. 404.

404. IIII pfenning, 1717. Similar, but date in field.

Theodore, 1776-1794.

405. II pfenning, 1787. Obv., THEODOR. D. G. A. C. S. R. I. P. Ornate shield of arms, crowned, sword and crozier crossed behind. Rev. similar to last.

406. IIII pfenning, 1787. Similar.

COTTBUS.

A City in Brandenburg.

407. 1 pfenning, without date. Obv., arms (a crab). Rev., blank.

408. 1 pfenning, without date. Similar, but with S—C (STADT COTTBUS) below the arms.

CROSSEN.

A City in Brandenburg.

409. 1 pfenning, without date. Obv., two shields of arms (spread eagle and a double lily) side by side, C (CROSSEN) below. Rev., incuse.

DANZIG.

Frederich William of Prussia.

410. 1 schilling, 1801. Obv., F W script, in monogram, crowned. Rev., 1 | DANZIG | SCHILLING | date. Struck at Berlin.

Free City.

411. 1 schilling, 1808-12. Obv., crowned shield of arms divides the date. Rev., value.

412. 1 groschen, 1809. Obv., shield or arms supported by lions, date in exergue. Rev., DANZIGER KUPFER MUENZE. Value in field.

DORTMUND.

A City in Westphalia.

No. 414.

413. ¼ stuber, 1744-56. Obv., crowned spread eagle (arms) in ornate shield. Rev., DORTMUNDS . SCHEIDE MUNTZ. Value and date in field.

414. ¼ stuber, 1758-60. Similar, but uncrowned eagle within cartouche.

On most of these coins the mint master Henrik Schwarze's initials appear.

DROSSEN.

A City in Brandenburg.

415. 1 pfenning, without date. Obv., a spread eagle, D (DROSSEN) below. Rev., incuse.

No. 415.

416. 1 pfenning, 1622. Obv., eagle in shield, date at sides, below, D. Rev. blank.
417. 1 pfenning, 1622. Similar, but D divides the date above the shield.

DULMEN.

A City in Westphalia.

418. 1 pfenning, 1590-1625. Obv., STADT DVLMAN. date. Ornate shield of arms (a cross). Rev., numeral of value within ornate border.
419. II pfenning, 1590-1609. Similar.
420. III pfenning, 1590-1625. Similar.
421. IIII pfenning, 1590-1609. Similar.

No. 422.

422. VI pfenning, 1590-1622. Similar.

Extremely rare coins. The following dates are recorded: 1 pfenning, 1590 and 1625; 2 pfenning, 1590 and 1609; 3 pfenning, 1590, 1609 and 1625; 4 pfenning, 1590 and 1609; 6 pfenning, 1590, 1609 and 1622.

EICHSTADT. (Bishopric).

John Christoph, 1621-1636.

423. 1 heller, 1621. Obv., a bishop's staff in shield, date at sides, numeral of value above. Rev., blank. Rare.

No. 424.

424. 1 kreuzer, without date. Obv., a bishop's staff within circle. Rev., 1 | KREI | ZER. Scarce.
425. 1 kreuzer. Similar, but KREIZER | I. Rare.

EINBECK.

A City in Hanover.

426. 1 flitter, 1620-21. Obv., a Gothic E crowned. Rev., FLITTER, date. Numeral in center. Rare.
427. III flitter, 1621. Similar. Rare.

No. 428.

428. 1 pfenning, without date. Obv., EINBERG. In center a Gothic E. Rev., 1 | STAT | PEN.
429. 1 pfenning, without date. Similar but EINBECK.

There are many varieties of the last denomination, which was issued in great numbers during a long period.

ERFURT.

A City in Saxony.

430. II scherf, 1621. Obv., ornate shield of arms (a wheel), B. P. E. (Bono Publico Erfurtensium) above. Rev., II | S | 1621. Scarce.
431. III scherf, 1621. Similar. Scarce.
432. VI scherf, 1621-22. Obv., ERFVRTENSIVM. Arms within circle. Rev., BONO PVBLICO. In field VI | S | date, within circle.
433. XII scherf, 1621-22. Obv., similar, with date in legend. Rev., XII | SCHERF

No. 434.

434 12 pfenning, 1622. Obv., ornate shield of arms. Rev., 12 | PFENNI | GE | 1622.

FRANKFURT A. M.

A City in Hesse-Nassau.

435. 1 heller, 1767-73. Obv., a crowned spread eagle (arms) with F on breast. Rev., value and date.

No. 435.

436. 1 heller, 1773-1837. Similar, but the F is placed below the eagle and flanked by the mint master's initials.
437. 1 pfenning, 1786-1806. Similar.
438. II pfenning, 1795. Similar.
439. 1 heller, 1838-51. Obv., crowned eagle, F. STADT above, FRANKFURT below. Rev., value and date.

440. 1 heller, 1852-58. Similar, but FREIE STADT FRANKFURT, and larger eagle.
441. 1 heller, 1859-65. Similar, but SCHEIDE MUNZE D. FR. ST. FRANKFURT, and smaller eagle.

"Jew Pfennings."

Manufactured and put into circulation by counterfeiters, who, because their products were considerably lighter than the genuine coins, reaped a great profit from their practice. According to Neumann, the coinage was prohibited by the City Council in 1823, when several "barrels" of the coins were confiscated by the authorities.

No. 442.

442. 1 pfenning, 1703. Obv., two crossed staves in a shield, three rings above. Rev., 1 | THELER | 1703.
443. 1 pfenning, 1740. Similar, but balls on end of the staves.
444. 1 pfenning, 1807. Similar, with crossed laurel branches under the shield.
445. 1 pfenning, 1809. Obv., a hand grasping a branch within a shield. Rev., 1 | ATRIBUO | 1809.

No. 446.

446. 1 pfenning, 1818. Obv., a shield divided by a perpendicular line, the left half "tinctured green" by oblique lines; in the right half a fish, a small cross flanked by the letters A—S above, crossed branches underneath. Rev., ¼ | HALBERG | 1818.

No. 447.

447. 1 pfenning, 1819. Obv., within a wreath a heart-shaped shield divided by a line as above, the left part blank, the other tinctured as above. Rev., I | 1819 within wreath.
448. 1 pfenning, 1819, similar, but 1 | PFENNIG | 1819 and the wreath omitted.

No. 449.

449. 1 pfenning, 1819. Obv., an eight-pointed star of rays. Rev., similar to last.

450. 1 pfenning, 1819. Obv., a lion rampant to left. Rev., similar to preceding.

451. 1 pfenning, 1819. Obv., a rose branch. Rev., same as last. Very rare.

452. 1 heller, 1819. Obv., a griffin seated to left. Rev., 1 | HELLER | 1819. Very rare.

The last two have been included on the authority of Joseph and Fellner's work on the coins of Frankfurt-am-Main, 1896-1920.

No. 453.

453. 1 heller, 1820. Obv., a closed wreath of oak. Rev., similar to last.

No. 454.

454. 1 heller, 1821. Obv., a lion rampant to left. Rev., same as last.

No. 455.

455. 1 pfenning, 1822. Obv., a cock standing to left. Rev., 1 | PFENNING | 1822.

(To Be Continued.)

COINAGE FOR JULY, 1935.

Following is the number of pieces of the different denominations coined at the mints of the United States during July, 1935, as reported by the Bureau of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

Silver—Half dollars, 1,760,000; quarter dollars, 3,600,000; dimes, 6,270,000.

Nickel—Five cents, 10,609,000.

Bronze—One cent, 34,986,000.

Coinage for other governments:

Honduras—One centavo, bronze, 850,000.

Mexico—Fifty centavos, silver, 26,288,449.

ITALY TO ISSUE NEW PAPER MONEY.

New lire bank notes will be issued shortly to replace the 10 lire (82.7 cents) and 20 lire ($1.654) silver coins which were recently withdrawn by the Government. The bank note issue will total 850,000,000 lire ($70,295,000). The 10 and 20 lire silver coins will cease to be used in commerce after December 31, 1936, and will not be exchanged after December 31, 1937.

A Short Account of the Coinage of Rome

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(CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH.)

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Such a clumsy, inconvenient form of money as this heavy copper standard could not be expected to last long with a people like the early Romans, who were expanding their borders and their commerce.

The Greek states and cities of South Italy and Sicily, as well as those of Asia Minor and Greece proper, had for centuries used silver money, the well-known Athenian tetradrachms having been minted as early as the sixth century B. C.

The Romans were undoubtedly acquainted with this silver money and must have realized its convenience compared with their own clumsy copper. Whatever the reason, silver soon became a part of the Roman monetary system, and at the same time the weight of the As fell by more or less rapid gradations from 12 oz. to 2 oz.

The reasons for this fall in weight and the time occupied by the change are vexed problems over which much ink has been spilled by many deep students of Roman numismatics, and to my mind no satisfactory solution has been found to either of these questions, so I do not propose to weary the reader with an argument on this matter.

The facts, however, are plain. Silver became a part of the coinage and the weight of the copper was greatly reduced. These changes were well established at the time of the first exhausting war with Rome's great rival, Carthage, in 264 B. C., and the weight of the copper no doubt continued to fall during this war.

Fig. 5.

The earliest Roman silver pieces are the so-called Romano-Campanian didrachms. These silver pieces are to my mind the most beautiful and artistic coins minted by the Romans and show a strong Carthaginian influence. Fig. 5 shows such a didrachm with the word ROMANO on the reverse. The head on the obverse is that of a woman with a Phrygian cap, and the reverse shows a Victory with palm resembling the Victory on the coins of Alexander the Great and his successors. Fig. 6 illustrates a similar coin with the head of Apollo on the obverse, and on the reverse a rearing horse, with the word "ROMA." These didrachms are uncommon and should bring $5 to $15 at sales if in "very fine" condition.

Fig. 6.

The first silver coin struck in Rome itself is the well-known denarius, with the head of Roma personified as a woman wearing a winged helmet on the obverse and the sign of the denomination "X." The reverse shows two horsemen with stars over their heads, called the Dioscuri, often referred to

as Castor and Pollux, or simply as the "Twins." In the exergue of the obverse is the word "ROMA."

This coin, as the name "denarius" indicates, was intended to equal ten of the large copper Asses and was first issued in 268 B. C. There was also issued in silver at the same time a piece of half a denarius, called the "quinarius," equal to five Ases, and with the mark of value "V," and a third piece called the "sestertius," with the mark "IIS," equal in value to two and a half "Ases." This "sestertius" is to be carefully distinguished from the great issue of large bronze during the Imperial period, which also were called "sestertii."

The collector will find when he progresses in studying and collecting the coins of the Roman Republic that by far the largest number of coins will be the so-called Consular or Family denarii. These silver coins are of the same value as the early denarii described above and of the same size and weight. A collection of these can be made showing hundreds of entirely different varieties, and there are over 170 different families represented.

There is no branch of Roman numismatics which shows such a great variety of designs and such a high grade of artistic execution. The die cutters, or at least the die designers, for this series were evidently Greeks, and were probably Greek slaves, as it is well known that the Romans themselves were not artistically inclined and employed slaves to do the greater part of any work requiring artistic ability.

The earlier Republican denarii were of somewhat monotonous design, being very much alike. The design was a helmeted head of "ROMA" on the obverse and a chariot with two or four horses (biga and quadriga). In the last century of the Republic a great variety of subjects appears.

The designs on these later denarii in general relate to two classes of subjects: (1) Religious and (2) historical or commemorative. These Republican denarii were issued by monetary officials, who were evidently appointed yearly and apparently at times for shorter periods. The moneyer who was given the responsibility of striking the coins of the Republic during his term of office endeavored to show on the coins he struck something which referred to his family in some way, usually by reference to the deeds of some ancestor. Some of the allusions, of course, after this long lapse of time, are very difficult to determine, but many refer to well-known historical characters. The later issues of these denarii show portraits of the most prominent men of the time, such as Mark Antony, Pompey, Julius Caesar, etc.

Fig. 7.

Fig. 7 illustrates a Republican denarius of odd design. On the obverse is the head of a very sad-looking individual, the Goddess "Pallor" (co-goddess with "Terror") with a military trumpet behind her head.

On the reverse the goddess Diana stands facing and holds a spear. To her right a stag.

Inscription: L. HOSTILIVS . SASERNA, a coin of the Hostilia Family. Saserna is the surname.

Fig. 8.

Fig. 8 is a Republican denarius with a likeness of Pompey the Great. On the obverse is the bare head of Pompey with a trident in front, typifying

sea power. (Pompey was noted for having subdued the pirates who had terrorized the whole Mediterranian region.)

On the reverse is a galley under full sail, with a star above and inscription C . NASIDIVS. This Nasidius was the admiral in charge of Pompey's fleet in Sicily (67-61 B. C.). The star is an emblem of glory referring to the triumph given Pompey on his return to Rome after his victories.

Fig. 9.

A denarius of much historic interest issued during Julius Caesar's dictatorship is that shown in Fig. 9. This coin was struck in the last year of Caesar's life and has his laureate bust on the obverse with the inscription CAESAR . DICT . PERPETVO (i. e., Caesar, Perpetual Dictator).

The reverse has a fasces and caduceus crossed, emblems of civil power and commerce; a globe, emblem of world dominion; a sacrificial axe, emblem of the Chief Priest (Pontifex Maximus) of the Roman Religion, and clasped hands as a sign of the concord existing between Caesar and the Roman Senate.

The inscription is L . BVCA, the name of the moneyer.

Here we have in a small coin almost a complete history of the time, symbolized in an artistic way, with a portrait of one of the world's greatest men.

Fig. 10.

An unusual and interesting denarius commemorating an ancient naval battle is that illustrated in Fig. 10. This is a coin of Mark Antony and bears his head on the obverse, with augurs wand (prototype of the crozier of the Catholic Church) behind his head. The reverse of this piece has the "rostrum" (beak or prow of a vessel), with the inscription CN . DOMI . AHENOBARBVS . IMP. (i. e., CNaeus DOMItius AHENOBARBUS IMPerator). The word "Imperator" does not mean Emperor, but is a title, like Commander-in-Chief. This AHENOBARBUS (i. e., "redbeard") supported Antony against Octavian and was the victor in a naval battle in the year 42 A. D. He later deserted the fortunes of Antony and went over to Octavian. He was the great-great-grandfather of the Emperor Nero, whose real name was L. Domitius Ahenobarbus.

Prices of the Republican denarii are not high considering their age and historical interest. Many of the varieties are rare, some extremely so.

In the Miller sale (New York, 1920) the average price for "uncirculated" denarii was about $3.50, and for "extremely fine" condition about $2.50.

An English dealer in 1926 offered a collection of 681 all different Republican denarii for £900. Of these, 150 were described as "Rarity 2" or rarer; 448 were "extremely fine" or "uncirculated."

In this Miller sale a denarius of Pompey the Great in "fine" condition brought $4.00. Another "V. fine" and rare brought $6.25.

Of Brutus a rare and "extremely fine" denarius with reverse of "Plectrum, lyre and branch" brought $22. There was an example of the extremely rare and interesting "EID . MAR." denarius of Brutus, commemorating the murder of Julius Caesar, which brought $140, which is the top price for a denarius in the U. S., so far as I know. It was also next to the high price in this large sale of over 2000 lots, the Sommer Island (Bermuda) shilling and sixpence, which sold each for $190, being the only lots which brought a higher price.

The rare and interesting denarius of Antony and Cleopatra, with portrait busts of both rulers in "V. F." condition, brought $75.

These are of course stiff prices for rare coins in wonderful condition for the most part. A satisfactory collection of one hundred varieties of Republican denarii can be obtained for an average of not over $1.75 if the collector is satisfied with coins in strictly "fine" condition only. Each of these interesting coins has a story to tell and is a bit of history in itself, and the die cutting and design is, on the whole, much superior to that of the Imperial denarii. It is unfortunate that there is no book available for under $25, so far as I know, which is at all complete with reference to the "Family" denarii. Babelon's "Monnaies de la Republique Romaine" (in French) is complete, but is hard to obtain and costs about $30. The same information is contained in one or more British Museum Catalogues, I believe, but I have never seen a copy offered for sale. Stevenson's large work ("A Dictionary of Roman Coins") contains most of the necessary information, but it is scattered through a thousand-page book, and the book itself is out of print and cannot be obtained usually for under $25. A moderate priced reprint, in English, of Babelon's work is badly needed.

(To Be Continued.)

Descriptive List of Obsolete Paper Money

By D. C. WISMER, Hatfield, Pa.

PART I—Embracing the Circulating Notes Issued by State Banks, Private Banks, Bankers and Corporations.

Abbreviations { R.—Right end illustration. C.—Central illustration on note. L.—Left end illustration.

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(Continued From Last Month.)

VIRGINIA (Continued).

CHRISTIANSBURG.

Bank of the Valley in Virginia, Branch.

(Commenced operations in January, 1853.)

83. $5. C., Ceres, men loading hay in wagon drawn by oxen, distant train in background. R., girl with sheaf, 5 below. L., portrait of Marshall, 5 above and below. Blue back. 1857.

84. $10. C., figure representing Agriculture. R., Indian maid, 10 above. L., portrait of Washington, 10 above and below. 1855. Blue design on back.

85. $20. Similar to No. 56. 1853.

CLARKSBURG (West Virginia, 1863.)

Merchants and Farmers Bank of Clarksburg.

(Authorized by Legislature 1851-52.)

86. $5. No description.

87. $10. No description.

Merchants and Mechanics Bank, Branch.

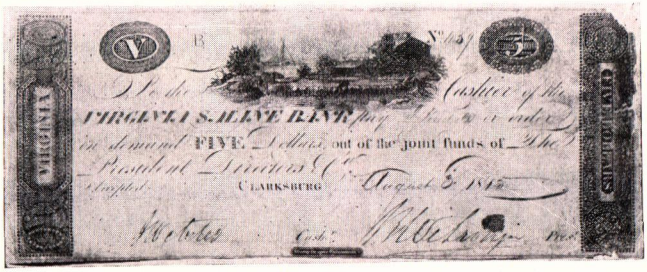
(Established in 1860, before Lincoln was President. 1863 capital $85,000. Succeeded by Merchants National Bank in 1865.)

North Western Bank of Virginia, Branch. (Established 1817.)

Virginia Saline Bank. (Private Bank.)

(This bank was required to redeem its outstanding currency prior to August 31st, 1818.)

88. $1. C., view of salt works. R., ONE DOLLAR across. L., VIRGINIA across. 1815.
89. $3. Similar to No. 88, excepting denomination. 1815.



No. 90.

90. $5. Similar to No. 88, excepting denomination. 1815.
91. $10. Similar to No. 88, excepting denomination. 1815.

CLARKSVILLE.

Bank of Clarksville. (Organized 1860.)

Exchange Bank of Virginia, Branch. (1859 capital $300,000.)

92. $1. Similar to No. 1. 1862.
93. $5. Similar to No. 3. 1858.
94. $5. Similar to No. 3, excepting plain back. 1859.
95. $10. Similar to No. 5. 1856.
96. $20. Similar to No. 6, excepting groundwork green cycloidal, and green design on back. 1858.
97. $50. Similar to No. 8, excepting groundwork green cycloidal. 1857.
98. $100. Similar to No. 9, excepting groundwork green cycloidal. 1857.
99. $100. Similar to No. 9, excepting plain back. 1859.

CULPEPER.

Culpeper Agricultural and Manufacturing Society. (Incorporated 1809.)

100. $5. C., plow; cattle and building in background. R., VIRGINIA across. L., FIVE across. 1817.

Culpeper Savings Bank.

101. 50c. C., 50, title below. R., 50. L., farmer with sheaf. Type-set. 1861.
102. $1. C., ONE. R. and L., 1. Type-set. 1861.

DANVILLE.

Bank of Danville. (Refer to Danville Bank.)

Bank of Virginia, Branch. (1859 capital $125,000.)

103. $1. Similar to No. 33. 1861.
104. $5. C., Figure of Hope, FIVE each side. R. and L., FIVE DOLLARS across. 1833.
105. $10. C., 10, Liberty right. R., portrait of Washington, 10 above and below. L., portrait of Franklin, 10 above and below. 1831.
106. $10. Similar to No. 35. 1852.
107. $20. Similar to No. 36. 1854.
108. $50. Similar to No. 37. 1842.

Danville Bank.

(Commenced business in 1858. 1859 capital $289,843. Circulation $160,620.)

109. $1. C., title, 1 below. R., boy beside sheaves, 1 above. L., 1. Black and red print. 1862.
110. $5. C., title. R., milkmaid, cow, calf and ducks, 5 above. L., train, lake on right, trees on left, mountains in background, 5 above.
111. $10. C., two men and horse, tree and distant factories. R., bust of Washington, 10 above. L., State arms. TEN and X across extreme ends on red background.
112. $20. C., Planter seated; negroes, tobacco plants and cabins in distance. R., girl's portrait, 20 above. L., allegorical figure beside pillar, 20 below.
113. $50. C., two allegorical figures. R., head of Liberty, 50 on red die above. L., portrait of lady, 50 on red die above.

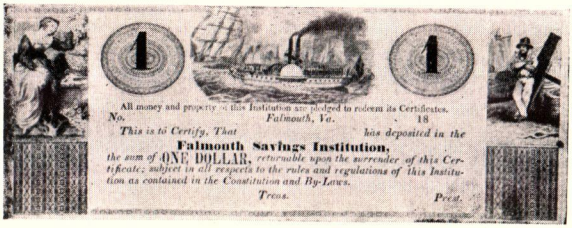
Danville Insurance Company.

114. 50c. No description.

Farmers Bank of Virginia, Branch. (1859 capital $155,000.)

115. $1. C., similar to No. 59. 1861.
116. $2. C., four cherubs, grapes, sheaf and sickle, 2 on medallion head each side. R., man shearing sheep, 2 above and below. L., man and lady, 2 above and below. 1861.
117. $5. No description.
118. $10. C., title, Ceres at right. R., TEN across. L., 10, medallion head above and below. 1856.
119. $20. No description. 1851.

Pairo (John L.), Banker. (In business in 1860.)



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FAIRMONT (West Virginia, 1863).

Bank of Fairmont. (Refer to Fairmont Bank.)

Fairmont Bank.

(Authorized by Legislature 1851-52. Succeeded by First National Bank of Fairmont in 1865.)

120. $1. C., woman feeding horse, train below. R., hunters building fire, 1 above and below. L., ONE on 1 above, 1 below.
121. $2. C., allegorical representation of Agriculture. R., 2 above and below. L., figure reclining, mowing machine in distance. 1861.
122. $5. C., farmer feeding swine, dog below. R., farmer, 5 above. L., portrait, V below. 1856.
123. $5. C., boy on horseback, flock of sheep, boy holding gate open, State arms at right. R., two farmers loading hay on wagon, 5 above. L., head of dog, V above and below.
124. $10. C., Indian holding gun, watching two deer, State arms right.

R., dog's head, TEN above. L., train moving round a curve, X above.

125. $10. No description.

FALMOUTH.

Falmouth Savings Institution.

126. $1. C., steamboat and ship, 1 each side. R., sailor. L., lady seated beside vase of flowers.

127. $3. C., Ceres seated, 3 each side. R. and L., allegorical figure.

FARMVILLE.

Appomattox Savings Bank.

128. 50c. No description.

129. $1. No description.

130. $2. No description.

131. $3. C., cherub holding cornucopia; agricultural implements. R., 3 above and below. L., THREE across. 1861.

Bank of Farmville. (Organized 1860.)

Bank of the Valley in Virginia, Branch.

Farmers Bank of Virginia, Branch. (1859 capital $168,100.)

132. $1. Similar to No. 59. 1861.

133. $2. Similar to No. 116. 1861.

134. $20. C., portrait of young lady, ornamental 20 each side. R., medallion head, 20 above and below. L., portrait of Washington, 20 above and below. 1850.

FINCASTLE.

Farmers Bank of Fincastle.

(Charter granted May, 1852. Commenced business in 1856.)

135. $1. No description.

136. $5. No description.

137. $5. C., five cherubs and five silver dollars, V each side. R., State arms, 5 above, FIVE below. L., farmer holding scythe, 5 above. 1857.

138. $10. No description.

139. $10. C., portrait of Washington, TEN each side. R., Liberty and Indian maid, 10 above. L., farmer, State arms above. 1857.

140. $100. No description.

141. $100. C., two horses frightened by flashes of lightning, distant cattle. R., State arms, 100 above. L., C, 100 above.

FREDERICKSBURG.

Bank of Commerce.

(Commenced operations December 20, 1853. Closed its affairs in 1869. Outstanding circulation amounted to $12,140 and was at par.)

142. $5. No description.

143. $5. C., wagon load of barrels drawn by two horses, man on horseback, river and ships in background. R., sailor seated, 5 above. L., Liberty, 5 above. 1855. FIVE in red.

144. $5. C., clipper ship under sail, V left. R., State arms, 5 above. L., mechanic and sailor, FIVE above. 1856.

145. $5. No description.

146. $10. No description.

147. $10. No description.

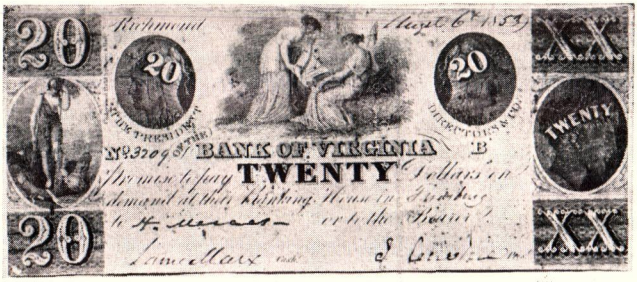
148. $10. C., young woman seated in field of grain. R., State arms, X above. L., TEN, X above. 1857.

149. $20. No description.

150. $20. C., portrait of Washington, globe surmounted by spread eagle below. R., State arms, 20 above. L., XX above and below.
151. $20. C., milkmaid and two cows. R., State arms, 20 above. L., Liberty, distant ship, XX above.

Bank of Virginia, Branch. (1859 capital $290,000.)

152. $1. Similar to No. 33. 1862.
153. $2. Similar to No. 46. 1862.
154. $5. Similar to No. 34. 1852.
155. $10. Similar to No. 35. 1851.



No. 156.

156. $20. Similar to No. 36. 1853.

Farmers Bank of Virginia, Branch. (Established 1812.)

157. $1. Similar to No. 59. 1861.
158. $5. Similar to No. 31. 1852.
159. $10. C., farmer on horseback, dog and flock of sheep, distant mill. R., 10 above. L., Liberty. 1846.
160. $10. Similar to No. 118. 1853.

Fredericksburg and Valley Plank Road Company.

161. 5c. C., title, small horse upper left. L., ornamental border.

Slaughter (F.) and Company, Bankers. (In existence in 1856.)

(To Be Continued.)

THE RHODE ISLAND TERCENTENARY HALF DOLLAR.

Letters are being received by various institutions and persons in Providence and elsewhere in Rhode Island in regard to the issuance of a Tercentenary half-dollar in connection with the Tercentenary Jubilee of the State of Rhode Island, which comes in 1936.

If you receive inquiries as to the proper address to which letters should be sent pertaining to this memorial half dollar, we shall be greatly obliged if you will refer them to the Rhode Island Tercentenary Jubilee, 634 Hospital Trust Building, Providence, Rhode Island.

A. L. PHILBRICK,
Vice-Chairman.

IF SILVER COMES.

If silver takes the place of gold and then the Government demands it all turned in, as we had to do with the bright yellow stuff, a lot of people are going to find out that their wedding presents were just plated, and that handsome set of knives, forks and spoons that the boys at the office gave papa last Christmas won't be worth much until tin goes a lot higher in the market than it is right now.—Chicago Tribune.

THE TRI-STATE CONVENTION AT BUFFALO, JUNE 15TH, 1935.

The Sixth Annual Tri-State Coin and Stamp Convention was held at the Lafayette Hotel, Buffalo, June 14th and 15th. During Friday afternoon and evening the exhibits were installed, with the evening given over to visiting. Saturday afternoon an auction was held, followed by the annual banquet in the Mahogany Room. Herbert W. Walker, of Warren, Ohio, acted as toastmaster. Mr. Walker called on our noted guests, and a number responded with three-minute talks of greeting.

There were sixty-four visitors from outside of the vicinity of Buffalo, distributed as follows: Jamestown, 16; Rochester, 13; Westfield, 6; Cleveland, 5; Pittsburgh, 4; Mayville, 3; two each from Youngstown, Columbus, New York, Forestville and Waterloo, Iowa, and one visitor from Syracuse, Warren, Wayland, Geneva, Oil City, Philadelphia and Detroit. Some twenty-five local members participated, and the grand total of all persons was 140.

Extensive exhibits were made as follows:

T. J. Clarke: Greek and Roman gold, Colonial and Continentals, a choice display.

Gunnar Anderson: U. S. stamps and old covers.

Henry Hunt: Tokens and jetons of old France.

Geo. H. Blake: Western New York National Bank notes.

John O. Bowman: Notgeld, jetons and historical coins.

Howard D. Gibbs: Historical foreign crowns.

Wm. E. Trantum: Curious coins and money types.

Harley L. Freeman: Colonial and Continental notes.

A. A. Grinnell: U. S. paper currency.

Moritz Wormser: Medals depicting fire in numismatics.

In addition to the above the following local members and guests exhibited: Stuart Mosher, John Hall, Nelson Hopkins, J. M. Taylor, M. H. Lloyd, J. J. Bishop, R. H. Lloyd, Wm. Seleska, C. R. Schunke, J. H. Doherty, Amil Auer, O. Schickluna and E. R. Fisk.

A large badge with the seal of the city of Buffalo and the Peace Bridge on the pendant, with blue and gold ribbon, was adopted for the occasion.

The Buffalo Numismatic Association is very grateful for the splendid cooperation received from the nearby clubs and the old-timers from more distant cities.

WANTS HISTORY OF 1844 DIME.

Wm. Brimelow, known over the radio as Bill the Coin Man, in his weekly broadcasts very often speaks of the 1844 dime as Little Orphan Annie, the world's most famous dime.

Why is this dime called Little Orphan Annie and why is it considered so famous? There were 72,500 of them minted and they should still be plentiful. If they are scarce, why?

I notice the price catalogues and auction catalogues all designate the 1844 dime as RARE, and other dimes of considerably less mintage as only SCARCE.

There are no doubt lots of others wishing the same information, so would it not be a good idea to have an item in The Numismatist giving a history of this interesting coin?

Elkhart, Ind. LEAH RICHMOND.

WOODEN NICKELS FOR BLUE ISLAND (ILL.) CENTENNIAL.

Blue Island, Ill., is celebrating the centennial of its founding September 1 to 8, 1935. In connection with the celebration the Blue Island Centennial Association, Inc., has issued souvenir currency printed on thin sheets of wood about the size of our present paper money in denominations of 1, 2 and 5 Wooden Nickels. These are redeemable until September 3 at the office of the Mayor of Blue Island. The souvenirs are printed in different colors and each has on the front a portrait of Norman Rexford, Pioneer. We are indebted to Frank Schmieg, of the Blue Island East Side Pharmacy, a member of the A. N. A., for a set of the souvenirs.

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Editorial Comment—Numismatic News

MILL-COIN BILL KILLED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

On August 15 the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures voted to table the Administration's bill providing for the coinage of one-mill and five-mill pieces. The committee voted 9 to 1 to table the bill, Representative White, of Idaho, being the only member of the committee to favor the proposed coins. It was contended by the chairman that the Supreme Court would not uphold the Attorney-General's opinion that the State tokens issued to facilitate the payment of sales taxes were illegal.

NEW $1 NOTES TO SHOW U. S. SEAL ON BACKS.

A new design for the backs of $1 notes is being printed by the Treasury Department. The obverse of the U. S. seal will appear on the front of the notes, while the back will bear the reverse of the seal.

The reverse of the seal, used for the first time on money, shows an unfinished pyramid, surmounted by an eye in a triangular glory. The pyramid bears in Roman numerals the year of the Declaration of Independence. Above the eye is the Latin motto, "Annuit coeptis," rendered as "He favored our undertakings." The motto at the bottom is "Noves ordo seclorum"

and is translated as "A new order of the ages." The eye and the triangular glory symbolize an all-seeing Deity. The pyramid is the symbol of strength and its unfinished condition denotes the belief of the designers of the seal that there was still work to be done.

MEDAL FOR THE NORMANDIE.

A medal was issued commemorating the advent of the liner Normandie into the North Atlantic service a few weeks ago. It is of French origin, and the name of Jean Vernon as designer appears on the obverse. It is illustrated here through the courtesy of Shepard Pond, secretary of the Boston Numismatic Society.

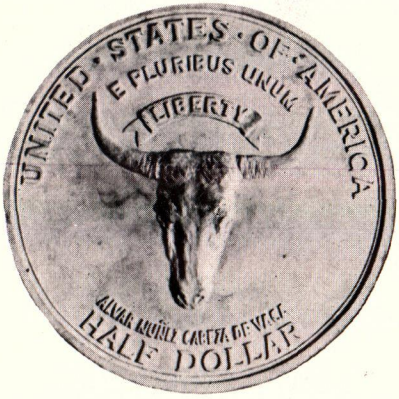
Specimens of the medal were given to invited guests by the high officials to the banquet given on board the liner as she approached New York on her initial trip. One of the guests was Dana Pond, a brother of Shepard Pond, a well-known portrait painter, who spends part of his time in Paris.

The Old Spanish Trail Half Dollar

The Old Spanish Trail commemorative half dollars are expected to be ready for distribution about September 1. L. W. Hoffecker, chairman of the El Paso Museum Committee, a member of the A. N. A., who is in charge of the distribution of the coins, has furnished a photograph of the sculptor's models for the coin and written the following letter giving the historical significance of the coin:

"I am sending you photos taken from the plaster models of our Old Spanish Trail coin. The coin was designed by the writer. The finished drawing submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts was drawn by E. L. Boone, a local artist, and the plaster models were executed by Edmund J. Senn, a local sculptor of wide experience.

"Being unable to obtain a portrait of Don Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca, the Spanish explorer who first traversed this trail, we decided to use the head, or, rather, skull of a cow, as this is what the words "Cabeza de Vaca" signify. The favorite of the family legends dealt with the origin of their somewhat gross and ludicrous name. During the Reconquest the Christian host, thrusting the Moor slowly southward, reached the Sierra Morena, north of Seville. The Christians, finding the mountain passes held in strength, were about to retire discouraged, when a shepherd named Martin Alhaja



offered to show the king a pass by which to cross the mountains unmolested and take the unbeliever in the rear. He had marked the entrance with a cow's skull. By following this route the Spaniards gained the great battle of Las Navas de Tolosa on July 12, 1212, and humbled at last the Mohammedan power. King Sancho of Navarre rewarded the shepherd by ennobling him and his descendants, and by changing his name from the lowly Alhaja, jewel, to the glorious Cowhead.

"The greatest of these forefathers of the young Cabeza de Vaca, and the one whose example penetrated his life, was his paternal grandfather, Pedro de Vera. Cabeza de Vaca identified himself, in the narrative of his fortunes, as 'grandson of Pedro de Vera, who conquered the Grand Canary.' This reference was prompted, probably, not by pride of blood alone, but by the sense that his own achievement might worthily match the stories he had heard in boyhood from his grandfather's lips.

"Anyone interested in a complete history of this explorer should read 'The Oddyssey of Cabeza de Vaca,' by Morris Bishop. This is conceded to be the most complete account of this explorer's trek over what is now known as the Old Spanish Trail, he being the first white man to visit this valley.

"I am also enclosing a copy of the history we gave Congress when presenting our bill."

The favorable report of the Committee of Banking and Currency of the Senate contained the following historical facts:

The expedition of Panfile de Narvaez to the North American Continent has been the source of considerable historical speculation. He sailed from Spain in June 1527, with 5 ships and some 700 men. The winter of 1527-28 was spent in West Indian waters, where storm and disease reduced the expedition to 400 men and 80 horses. In the spring of 1528 De Narvaez divided his forces, the greater portion of the expedition disembarked and under the leadership proceeded to explore the interior of the country.

De Narvaez experienced many hardships on this journey. Food was scarce, the Indians unfriendly, the land marshy and heavily wooded, offering small means of sustenance. Horses were killed for food and the skins used for fresh-water bags to make possible a sea voyage. The remnant of the expedition put out to sea and sailed in rude boats along the shores of the present States of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Food and water failing, the expedition landed to search for the means of subsistence. At sea many had died from privation and on land others were killed by the Indians.

According to the best information obtainable, all the rude barges were lost at sea or wrecked on the coast. Only 80 men survived and these came together on an island off the coast of Texas in November 1528. Death from various causes and slavery among the Indians separated and reduced the number of survivors during the succeeding 6 years to four Spaniards and a Negro.

Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca, treasurer of the De Narvaez expedition, was one of these five survivors, and for the most part we are indebted to him for the recorded story of the expedition and the adventures of the few who were eventually to reach the Spanish settlements of New Spain. The authenticity of the account of the expedition, the hardships endured, and the fact that these finally reached the settlements in the spring of 1536 have never been questioned.

During the first winter after reaching the Texas coast the surviving Spaniards were parceled out among the Indians as slaves. Cabeza de Vaca began early to plan escape but, according to his narrative, delayed 6 years in the hope he might take with him his friend Lope de Oviedo.

Late in the year 1534 all details were worked out for the escape and De Vaca with two friends and the Negro, all being survivors of the original De Narvaez expedition, made their way, with the help of friendly Indians whom they encountered, from an island—now generally believed to have been Galveston Island—across the continent to the settlements of New Spain. Some of our most eminent historians lay the route of Cabeza de Vaca through the present city of Alpine, Tex., and through the big bend country of the Rio Grande.

Cabeza de Vaca was the first European to traverse this great wilderness and we believe his expedition should be fittingly commemorated by the issuance of the special coin provided by the bill under consideration.

Assurance was given at the hearing that the museum committee will guarantee the entire issue and no coins will be returned to the Treasury.

Representative R. Ewing Thomason, of Texas, author of the bill, appeared before the committee and gave the members historical data in reference to the Old Spanish Trail as well as assured the committee there would be no expense to the Government if the bill was enacted into law.

TOKEN OF HAWAII.

In the February, 1931, issue of The Numismatist we published a descriptive list of the "Private Issues of Hawaii," by H. D. Gibbs. One of the pieces of the Wailuku Plantation was not illustrated—No. 5. We illustrate it here from a specimen furnished by O. P. Eklund, Spokane, Wash.

NEW OR RECENT ISSUES.

Great Britain—Crown, dated 1935, to commemorate the 25th anniversary

of the reign of King George V. The designs are conventional. The edge reads: "Anno Regni XXV Decus et Tutamen."

TAX TOKENS NOT MONEY IN LEGAL SENSE.

The Treasury Department evidenced concern over the recent issuance of tokens by the various States and has intimated that this is a violation of the constitutional provision that "no State shall coin money, etc." Accordingly, the department requested the minting of mill and half-cent coins to replace tokens. On the strength of this one State cancelled a large order.

Careful examination of this question throws a reasonable doubt on the Treasury's claim. Money is a most elusive substance when it comes to definition. Tax tokens are not money any more than any other token, check or card, thousands of varieties of which are in daily use. Tax tokens are not legal tender in quantity for goods, but they are demanded in addition to money to complete a purchase. They are receivable by a taxing authority, or by an individual for the account of that authority.

It is very doubtful if tax tokens are being used to pay for goods. It is hardly conceivable that a customer will tender one-hundred 1½-mill tokens in payment for a quart of milk in the State of Illinois! The average merchant likes cash well enough to insist on coin, and most Americans prefer dimes and nickels to aluminum tokens.

Again, if tax tokens are a violation of the Constitution, it would seem that all other tokens would be illegal also, even those issued by private corporations. Should a State be deprived of a privilege enjoyed by saloons, bridges and transit companies? The many tokens of 6½c. and 7½c. values now used do not compete with coins. It is merely advantageous for certain parties to use metal in place of cardboard to settle for certain services performed in restricted areas.

Furthermore, we read that Government officials have submitted designs for the proposed coinage. We call attention to the fact that it is Administration policy to create employment, and therefore it would be well if the Treasury would allow the privilege of coin-designing to revert back to the open competition of the artists as in former years.

It is well that the House opposes the new coinage. Let us have done with Administrative tampering that assumes the pettiness of the banker who sorts a thousand coppers to return the Canadian cent on the grounds that foreign coin is not receivable!

CONTRIBUTED.

MR. ROBERTSON RECEIVES ORDER OF VASA INSIGNIA.

Robert Robertson, assistant curator at the American Numismatic Society, New York City, has been honored by His Majesty the King of Sweden with the Knight insignia of the Order of Vasa First Class, for his donations during many years to the Royal Coin Cabinet in Stockholm.

Action to Save Commemorative Coins

An effort was made in the early part of August by the numismatic organizations in the New York City district to prevent passage in the House of Representatives of the bill to substitute medals for coins commemorating historical events. The bill passed the Senate on July 29 and is now before the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures of the House. The effort consisted of a letter signed by representatives of five numismatic clubs, addressed to Chairman Somers, of the committee. The letter is as follows:

Aug. 7, 1935.

Hon. Andrew L. Somers, Chairman,
Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: We beg to refer to bill S. 3086, entitled "An Act to provide for the striking of medals, in lieu of coins, for commemorative purposes," which bill passed the Senate July 29th (calendar day July 30th), 1935.

We respectfully beg to submit that your Committee do not recommend the passage of this bill for the following reasons:

First—By the passage of the bill the issue of further commemorative coins by the U. S. Government would be entirely prohibited, which would be most unfortunate on the following grounds:

a. The issuing of commemorative coins has been exercised by sovereign powers for centuries, in fact, starting in the time of the Roman empire, so that there is ample historical precedent for such coinages.

b. Commemorative coins celebrate important historical events, present history in a brief and compact form to the people, stimulate an interest in history and the glories of the past, and help to make a people conscious and proud of the achievements of its history.

c. Foreign governments are not averse to the celebration of historical events by commemorative coins, as instances of which fact we might mention, that within a few months Belgium has issued 50-franc pieces commemorating the centennial of its railways, and Austria a two-schilling piece commemorating the 25th anniversary of the death of the famous Mayor of Vienna, Dr. Lueger. Of course many other instances of recent foreign commemorative issues could be cited.

Certainly the United States should not prohibit a practice approved among other great nations.

d. The frequency of recent commemorative issues has resulted in a greatly increased interest in historical studies and has provided a splendid leisure pursuit, because the collecting of these issues has been very popular and has greatly increased the number of coin collectors.

e. Commemorative issues as distributed through commissions authorized by bills of Congress, and sold at a price advance over face, have been helpful in meeting expenses of worthy important historical celebrations.

f. The Government would lose considerable seignorage profits, because commemorative coins are never presented for redemption.

g. Commemorative coins have been a stimulus to art and given artists an opportunity to present their work to the public.

h. The U. S. Government has not hesitated to issue commemorative postage stamps upon many occasions and in large quantities within recent years, and coin collectors feel that they should not be discriminated against or that their science of numismatics should be less encouraged than the science and hobby of philately, or stamp collecting.

Second—The issuing of commemorative medals in place of commemorative coins would be a most inadequate substitute, because the collecting of medals has never been popular, and their distribution would be an absolute financial failure. For instance the Norse-American medal, issued in place of a coin, has never been popular among the public and has not met with as much demand as have commemorative coin issues.

Third—As regards confusion arising from special issues of commemorative coins, this is hardly a fact, because commemorative coins are issued at a premium, are saved by those who purchase them either in coin collections or as souvenirs, and do not go into general circulation.

Fourth—As regards the counterfeiting of commemorative pieces, occurrences have been most infrequent, and there is a minimum of danger of

such counterfeiting as compared to the counterfeiting of regular issues, for the reason that commemorative issues are not of general use, do not go into general circulation, and therefore by their own limitations offer a very poor field to the counterfeiter.

Fifth—If it is the intention of the bill to authorize the issue of medals in general and merely to restrict the issue of commemorative coins we respectfully suggest that the purpose of the bill could be preserved by changing line 10 of the act as published in the Congressional Record, and which now reads

"and to discontinue the striking of such coins," so as to read instead

"and to restrict the striking of such coins to the commemoration of events of great national historical importance, specifically authorized by Congress."

This amendment would result at least in not entirely prohibiting commemorative coins, but would prevent their promiscuous issue for the celebration of merely local events.

Sixth—In submitting this protest on the proposed bill to your Committee, the undersigned represent all the coin collectors' and dealers' interests in the metropolitan area of New York City, and we feel certain that we have fully set forth the opinion of all the coin collectors, dealers and numismatic organizations throughout the country, numbering several thousand members and forty organizations. The only reason you have not heard from other organizations such as ours is that the passage of the above bill in the Senate is not known to our fellow numismatists, and insufficient time has been given for similar protests to reach your Committee from other parts of the country.

If the presence of some of our representative members is desired before your Committee, for a further and more detailed hearing, we should be pleased to arrange for personal attendance of our members, even if it would require a considerable sacrifice of personal time and expense.

Respectfully submitted,

New York Numismatic Club, by M. Wormser, Secretary pro tem.
Bronx Coin Club, by Martin F. Kortjohn, Secretary.
Brooklyn Coin Club, by Morris Klaif, Chairman of Board.
Westchester County Coin Club, by Julius Guttag, President.
New Jersey Numismatic Society, James M. Wade, Vice-President.

Kindly address reply, if any, to M. Wormser, Secretary pro tem., 95 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

The bill to substitute issues of medals for coins for commemorative purposes, which has passed the Senate, reads as follows:

A BILL to provide for the striking of medals, in lieu of coins, for commemorative purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to promote uniformity in the designs of the various coins of the United States, to facilitate their proper use as circulating media, to enable counterfeit pieces to be readily detected, and to avoid the confusion which arises from special issues of commemorative coins, it is declared to be the policy of the United States to authorize the striking of commemorative medals in lieu of commemorative coins and to discontinue the striking of such coins. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the coinage and issuance of commemorative coins heretofore authorized by law.

Sec. 2. The Director of the Mint shall enter into contracts subject to such terms and conditions as the Director shall prescribe, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, for the striking and furnishing of such commemorative medals as may be authorized from time to time by law. The striking and furnishing of medals pursuant to this section shall be subject to the provisions of section 3551 of the Revised Statutes, except that the dies necessary for the preparation of such medals may be prepared at the Mint, with the machinery and apparatus thereof, from suitable models submitted to the Director of the Mint. The Director of the Mint shall cause such medals to be struck and furnished at not less than the estimated cost of manufacture, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses; and security satisfactory to the Director of the Mint shall

be furnished to indemnify the United States for the full payment of such cost.

The report of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency read as follows:

The Committee on Banking and Currency, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the striking of medals, in lieu of coins, for commemorative purposes, having considered the same, report the same to the Senate without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

In accord with the recommendation of the Treasury Department, the Congress had for a number of years prior to 1933 been persuaded that a restrictive policy should be adopted with respect to the issuance of commemorative coins. During the Seventy-third Congress, however, and the earlier part of the present session of Congress, numerous bills providing for the issuance of commemorative coins have been enacted despite protests by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The present bill was drafted by the Treasury Department and its passage recommended by the President in a letter addressed to the chairman of this committee under date of June 17, 1935, which letter is reproduced herewith:

The White House,
Washington, June 17, 1935.

Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher,
Chairman Committee on Banking and Currency,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Chairman: Bills are being introduced in Congress with increasing frequency authorizing the minting of coins commemorating events, many of which are of no more than local significance. During the 10-year period from 1920 to 1930, 15 issues of 50-cent pieces of special design were authorized to be coined to commemorate historical events, an average of 1 issue every 8 months. The aggregate amount of the coins authorized to be struck was over 13,000,000.

On April 20, 1930, the President, at the instance of the Treasury Department, which has long been opposed to the issuance of commemorative coins, vetoed H. R. 2029, "An act to authorize the coinage of silver 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Gadsden Purchase." The veto of this measure had the effect of discouraging for a time the enactment of legislation of this nature, and no new commemorative coins were authorized until 1933. Since that date nine issues of such coins have been authorized, an average of one issue every 3 and a fraction months, notwithstanding the fact that in each case the Treasury Department reported adversely on the bill. The aggregate amount of the coins authorized to be struck was almost 3,000,000. At the present time there are many bills and proposals of a similar nature pending in Congress.

The rate at which new issues of commemorative coins have been authorized since 1932 has increased twofold over the 10-year period between 1920 and 1930. These coins do not have a wide circulation as a medium of exchange, and, because of the multiplicity of designs arising from the issuance of such coins, they jeopardize the integrity of our coins and cause confusion. Accordingly, I think the practice of striking special coins in commemoration of historical events and permitting the sponsoring organizations to sell them at a profit is a misuse of our coinage system, which is assuming increasingly dangerous proportions.

The Congress recognized the wisdom of maintaining uniformity in the designs of the various coins of the United States by providing in section 3510 of the Revised Statutes that—"* * * no change in the design or die of any coin shall be made oftener than once in 25 years from and including the year of the first adoption of the design, model, die, or hub for the same coin: * * *."

It seems to me that historical events could be very suitably and properly commemorated through the striking by the Government of medals in lieu of coins. These medals could be struck and furnished at not less than the estimated cost of their manufacture by the Bureau of the Mint, since this function is now carried on to a limited extent by such Bureau and clearly falls within its province.

By the substitution of appropriate commemorative medals for special 50-

cent pieces much is to be gained. The size of the medals can be made larger than 50-cent pieces, thus providing for more suitable inscriptions and more artistic commemorative designs. It is my thought that sculptors and artists will be encouraged thereby to raise the standards of medal making in the United States.

Under the present system of seeking to obtain special legislation of commemorative coins, many anniversaries commemorating local historical events are under a serious handicap. The new proposal for the striking off of suitable medals will, I believe, encourage the adequate observance of these anniversaries.

There is transmitted herewith a proposed bill drafted by the Treasury Department which is designed to carry out this proposal.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

There is also reproduced herewith a copy of a letter similar to those customarily received from the Secretary of the Treasury on commemorative coinage bills in response to this committee's request for reports thereon setting forth the views of the Treasury Department on such commemorative coin issues.

Treasury Department,
Washington, February 21, 1935.

Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher,
Chairman Committee on Banking and Currency,
United States Senate.

Dear Mr. Chairman: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 19, 1935, transmitting for comment S. 1178, a bill authorizing the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Providence, R. I.

This bill raises for consideration a question which has of late become a matter of some concern. The growing desire to issue commemorative coins has led to a multiplicity of designs, which constitute a source of confusion in our coinage system. The policy of the Government has been to issue as few coins as possible, for the purpose of familiarizing the public with genuine coins. In pursuance of its duty to maintain the integrity of the coinage, the Treasury has adopted a policy of reducing the number of designs to a minimum. Congress has recognized the soundness of this policy by enacting Revised Statutes 3510 (U. S. C., title 31, sec. 276) which provides as follows:

"* * * no change in the design or die of any coin shall be made oftener than once in 25 years from and including the year of the first adoption of the design, model, die, or hub for the same coin * * *."

Notwithstanding this statutory provision Congress, during the past 18 years, has authorized the coinage of 21 issues of commemorative 50-cent pieces, or an average of more than one each year. Four such issues were authorized by the Seventy-third Congress.

The practice of issuing special commemorative coins which are sold to the public above their face value to provide revenue for projects and celebrations other than events of national importance is rapidly growing and is unwise. Such coins do not serve generally as a circulating medium, though this is the primary and only legitimate function of coins. Experience has shown that the issuance of commemorative coins to be sold at a profit seldom raises the necessary or hoped-for revenue. Furthermore, in such cases the Government must bear the additional wasteful expense of reminting the coins returned as unsalable.

For your information on this point, a table is enclosed showing the number of 50-cent pieces authorized, minted, and returned to the mints as unsalable during the past 19 years.

In view of the growing demand for these special coins commemorating a wide variety of events, the line of restriction must be drawn somewhere, and the Treasury feels that the issuance of special coins should be restricted to events of great national historical importance and should not be extended to events of merely local interest.

Accordingly the Department recommends against the passage of this bill.

Very truly yours,
H. MORGENTHAU, JR.,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Table of Number of Commemorative 50-Cent Pieces Authorized, Minted, and Returned From 1915 to 1934.

Year	Issue	Number authorized	Number coined	Number returned to mint
1915	Panama-Pacific Exposition	200,000	60,000	32,866
1921	Alabama Centennial	100,000	70,000	5,000
1921	Pilgrim Tercentenary	300,000	300,000	80,000
1921	Missouri Centennial	250,000	50,000	29,600
1922	Grant Memorial	250,000	100,000	28,400
1923	Monroe Doctrine Centennial	300,000	275,000	*
1924	Huguenot-Walloon	300,000	142,000	† 55,000
1924	Stone Mountain Centennial	5,000,000	2,134,000	‡1,000,000
1925	Battle of Bennington and Independence of Vermont	40,000	40,000	11,892
1925	Seventy-fiifth Anniversary of State of California	300,000	150,000	63,606
1925	Fort Vancouver Centennial	300,000	50,000	35,000
1926	Sesquicentennial	1,000,000	1,000,000	420,000

*Nearly entire number went into circulation at face value.
†55,000 Huguenot coins placed in circulation at face value.
‡Returned to the mint and now held there.

At the time this is written (August 15) the bill is still before the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures. In an interview with the secretary of the committee, A. W. Deas, vice-president of the New York Numismatic Club, states that assurance was given that the bill would not be reported to the House without giving collectors and numismatic organizations an opportunity to be heard.

MEDAL FOR BOSTON COMMON TERCENTENARY.

Below we illustrate the medal issued for the tercentenary of Boston Com-

mon. A description and the historical significance of this event was published in our issue of last month.

RE COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLARS.

I read with amusement the spasm of the editor of the Boston Traveler. If he finds so many in circulation he should take up coin collecting. I trust our Old Spanish Trail coin will not cause him any headaches. I followed the custom of some illiterate countries and put an animal's head on our coin, which will aid anyone to distinguish it.

El Paso, Texas. L. W. HOFFECKER.

NEW ISSUE OF TEXAS HALF DOLLARS.

A. Garland Adair, chairman of the American Legion Centennial Committee, Austin, Texas, announces that there will be a new issue of Texas commemorative half dollars, dated 1935. They are expected to be ready for delivery October 1. They will be from the Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco mints.

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Deaths

ALBERT B. GARY.

Albert B. Gary, a member of the A. N. A., died at his home, 1121 Demphle avenue, Dayton, Ohio, on July 23. He was 49 years old. Although he had become actively interested in numismatics only a short time ago, he had always been keenly aware of the enjoyment connected with the pursuit of this hobby. During his long illness, which extended over ten months, he passed much of his time with his collection of coins and medals.

Surviving him are his widow, Naomi Gary; three daughters, Mary Theresa, Jeane and Dorothy, and one son, Joe D. Gary.

Meetings of Numismatic Societies and Clubs

(To keep the Directory up to date the editor relies upon the officials of the organizations listed to report promptly any changes in any of its features. There is no charge for listing, but new organizations must ask to be included and furnish the necessary information.)

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California Coin Club, Los Angeles, Cal.—Meets first Tuesday evening of each month. Sidney J. Haas, Secretary, 646 N. La Jolla Ave., Hollywood, Cal.

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New Jersey Numismatic Society—Meets second Thursday of each month at Downtown Club, 744 Broad St., Newark, N. J. Thomas J. Perkins, Secretary, 100 Elmwood Ave., Union, N. J.

New York Numismatic Club, New York City—Meets second Friday of each month. F. C. C. Boyd, Secretary, 237 East 20th St., New York City.

Northampton Numismatic Society, Northampton, Mass.—Meets fourth Wednesday of each month at Y. M. C. A. Building. Myron J. Parsons, Secretary, Mount Tom, Mass.

Northwest Coin Club—Meets second Thursday of each month at the Dyckman Hotel in Minneapolis, Minn., and the fourth Thursday of each month at the Frederic Hotel in St. Paul, Minn. Lyman F. Johnson, Secretary, 3825 19th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn.

Omaha Coin Club, Omaha, Neb.—Meets first Friday evening of each month at Omaha City Hall. A. G. Blaufuss, Secretary, 2424 Templeton St., Omaha, Neb.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, San Francisco, Cal.—Meets last Wednesday of each month. Harvey L. Hansen, Secretary, 123 Greenbank Ave., Piedmont, Cal.

Philadelphia Coin Club, Philadelphia, Pa.—Meets second Tuesday of each month at Philadelphia Hobby League Building, Seventeenth and Pine Streets. Dr. Thomas M. Logan, Secretary, 4837 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

Pittsburgh Coin Club, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Meets second Thursday at Room 509, Downtown Y. M. C. A. Building, Third Ave. and Wood St. James R. Smith, Secretary, P. O. Box 296, Imperial, Pa.

Rochester Numismatic Association, Rochester, N. Y.—Meets first and third Tuesday at Municipal Museum. Joseph B. Harzinski, Secretary, 9 Arlington St., Rochester, N. Y.

St. Louis Numismatic Society, St. Louis, Mo.—Meets monthly at Washington University. T. E. Duncan, Secretary, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

Springfield Coin Club, Springfield, Mass.—Meets second Wednesday of each month. Donald B. Hanks, Secretary, 30 Rochelle St., Springfield, Mass.

The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia, Pa.—Meets six times a year. January, February, March, April, November and December. Henry Paul Busch, Secretary, 1006 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Syracuse Numismatic Association, Syracuse, N. Y.—Meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Onondaga Hotel. Paul S. Burns, Secretary, 2012 James St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Utica Coin Club, Utica, N. Y.—Meets first and third Tuesdays of each month at 249 Genesee St. F. Harrington, Secretary, 249 Genesee St., Utica, N. Y.

Washington Numismatic Society, Washington, D. C.—Meets second Tuesday of each month at Strong John Thomson School, Twelfth and L Sts., N. W. Frederic E. Hodge, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, 136 Bryant St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Westchester County (N. Y.) Coin Club—Meets third Tuesday of each month at the Y. M. C. A. in New Rochelle, N. Y. William S. Dewey, Secretary, 38 South Fifteenth Ave., Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society—Meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh. A. C. Gies, Secretary, 6260 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Western Reserve Numismatic Club, Cleveland, Ohio—Meets second Wednesday of each month at the Allerton Hotel. Harley L. Freeman, Secretary, 1432 East 47th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Youngstown Numismatic Club, Youngstown, Ohio—Meets third Friday of each month at the Home Saving and Loan Co., basement, corner Federal and Chestnut Streets. Frank W. Schilling, Secretary, 446 Breaden Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB—320th regular meeting, August 9th, President Edward T. Newell presiding. Fifteen members were present.

The topic of the evening was, "Modern Italy" and "U. S. Gold Dollars." Exhibits were as follows:

R. A. Barry: Six gold dollars.

J. Marx: Victor Emanuel III, 100 lire, 1912; 50 lire, 1911; 20 lire, 1923; Turin gold medal, 1873, of Count Cavour.

J. Guttag: Eritrea, 1896, 1 and 2 lire; Italy, ½, 1, 2, 5 lire, silver, 1860 period; 1, 5, 10, 20 centimes, copper; nickel in 1860's; 5 lire, silver, 1879; 1 lire, silver, 1887; 2 lire, silver, 1898; 1, 2, 10, 20, 25 centimes, copper and nickel, in 1890's; 1, 2 lire silver in 1900's; 1 centesimo, 20 centesimo, 1 lire, silver, 1913; 1, 2 lire, silver, 1916; 1, 5, 20 centimes, 1918; new design and larger denomination 5 and 10 centimes, copper, 1920; 1920, 50 cent, 1, 2 lire, nickel; 1927, 5, 10, 20 lire, silver.

L. Kusterer: Types of gold dollars, 1849, 1854 and 1889, also 1864, 1854 S, 1870 S.

M. Wormser: Italy, 1923, gold 20 lire, 100 lire; 1911, 1914, silver, 5 lire; 1927, silver, 10 lire; 1928, silver, two different designs, 20 lire. Eritrea, 1891, 5 lire; Somaliland, 1919, 1 rupee; 1925, 5, 10 lire. Also Papal States, set of 1929. San Marino, 1925 gold 10 and 20 lire. Abyssinia, Menelik, very rare 4 wark, gold. U. S. gold dollar, perfect brockage of obverse.

Vernon L. Brown: The new French 100 francs, gold, 1935.

A. W. Deas: Selections of recent new issues of Austria, Abyssinia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Turkey, and Belgium, 1935, 50 francs silver, on centennial of railways.

Robert Robertson, by way of exhibit, displayed the insignia First Class of the Royal Order of Vasa, which had just been conferred upon him, as Knight of this Order, by His Majesty the King of Sweden. This splendid distinction came as a surprise to the members, who voted a rising vote of congratulations to Mr. Robertson upon this well-deserved honor.

The secretary read a letter of acknowledgement received from Mr. Zerbe, with a message of greeting, and reported Mr. Zerbe recovered from his recent illness.

The secretary reported the receipt of a ballot and proxy form, from the Secretary of the A. N. A., several communications in regard to the A. N. A. election, and was instructed to vote the ballot in behalf of the Club, and appointed representatives of the club at the Pittsburgh Convention.

The secretary submitted a lengthy verbal report in respect to the bill prohibiting further issues of commemorative issues, and substituting medals therefor, which had already been passed by the U. S. Senate. He further reported the action taken by himself in behalf of the club, in writing a letter opposing the bill to Andrew L. Somers, chairman of the House Committee on Coinage, which had been signed and endorsed by representatives of other New York clubs, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Westchester and New Jersey.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed, to ratify the action of the secretary on this proposition, and he was authorized to take any further action which the situation might require.

The chairman of the executive committee suggested as topics for the next meeting, "Modern British Colonies" and "$2½ Gold Pieces," which subjects under the head of new business were voted as topics for the next meeting.

The chairman of the executive committee, as head of the committee on

metropolitan meeting, reported progress, especially that an announcement to be published in the September Numismatist, had been forwarded to its editor.

BRONX COIN CLUB—Twenty-third meeting, July 25, President Sghia presiding. Twenty-one members and five guests were present.

A well-written paper, entitled "The Commemorative Coinage of Austria," prepared by Mr. Bullowa, who was away on a vacation trip to the West Indies, was read by Mr. Knobloch. The second paper read was entitled "Victor David Brenner," and was written and illustrated by Mr. Werner. Mr. Stein also read an interesting paper on the territorial quarter eagles, a subject which was covered very well, though the members present were quite surprised when they learned that Mr. Stein's topic was not ancient coins. Rising votes of thanks were accorded Messrs. Bullowa, Werner and Stein for their efforts. Mr. Knobloch then read an amusing poem on the subject of coins.

Inasmuch as one of the topics of the evening was "The Medals of Victor D. Brenner," Samuel Brenner, his brother, was present as guest of Mr. Kortjohn. Upon being asked to say a few words, Mr. Brenner told some stories about his brother and his work.

Part of the correspondence of the evening was in connection with the failure of the city of Hudson, both through its Mayor and through the First National Bank and Trust Company, to supply the Bronx Coin Club with Hudson sesquicentennial half dollars. The secretary first wrote to the Mayor on July 2nd, and on July 10th received a letter stating that the entire issue had been absorbed by the public. Furthermore, on July 12th, his certified check was returned by the bank at Hudson with the notation that the coins were delivered by the mint on June 28th, and that on July 2nd the supply was depleted. Their excuse was that reservations had been accepted since the first part of May. The inequalities of the present system of distribution of commemorative coins were discussed, and Mr. Kortjohn was asked what his plans were in respect to the paper he read at the June meeting. He advised that he planned to bring it before the A. N. A. convention after making revisions to take into consideration the unfair methods brought about by the present distribution system.

The applications of Hugh Kelly and Joseph Scotti, having been approved by the membership committee, were voted upon and they were unanimously elected to membership. The application of Mark S. Polak was presented and will be acted upon at the August meeting.

The topics for the meeting were "The U. S. Quarter Eagles, Coins of Austrial, and Medals of Victor D. Brenner." Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Barnet: Proof quarter eagles of 1893 and 1901 to 1906 inclusive.

Mr. Blake: Scarce edition of Heath's Counterfeit Detector and a box of chocolate coins commemorating King George's reign of twenty-five years.

Mr. Cappiello: Representative display of quarter eagles from 1834 to 1928.

Mr. Clark: Coins of the Hapsburgs as Holy Roman Emperors, Emperors of Austria-Hungary, Kings of Spain and Emperor of Mexico, and coins of minor archdukes and republican coins.

Mr. Deas: English commemorative crown of 1935 and ten francs of French Tunis.

Mr. Dewey: Copper and nickel coins of Austria, Dewey medal in silver of New York Reception Committee, Spanish-American War medal of Albany, N. Y.

Mr. Friedman: Quarter eagles of 1853 and 1925, Denver mint.

Dr. Hahn: Set of Japanese gold notes issued by the Tokugawa government in 1868 for one shu, one bu, and one, five and ten riyo.

Mr. Hentgen: Fifteen medals of Austria from sixteenth to twentieth century.

Mr. Knobloch: Arkansas and Hudson half dollars.

Mr. Kortjohn: Coins of Austria, quarter eagles of 1902, 1911 Denver, 1929, and 1926 Sesquicentennial.

Mr. Moss: Austrian one and four ducats and minor coins, and seven quarter eagles from 1856 to 1907.

Mr. Schmidt: Pattern krone of Austria, dated 1914, in copper.

Mr. Sghia: Twenty quarter eagles from 1834 to 1923; twelve crowns of Austria.

Mr. Stein: Commemorative coins of Austria.

Mr. van der Meer: Plantation tokens of Borneo, Sumatra, silver coins of Province of Holland from 1222 to 1499.

Mr. Werner: Several medals and illustrations of medals of Victor D. Brenner.

The topics for the August meeting to be held on August 21 will be "The U. S. $3 gold pieces, Coins of countries beginning with the letter A, except Austria, and Lincoln medals."

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—August 6, President Marlier in the chair. Fourteen members were present.

The society discussed the coming election of officers for the A. N. A. to serve during the next year, and duly instructed the secretary to vote according to the society's pleasure in the matter.

It was decided to forward a copy of the A. N. A. convention auction sale catalogue to each society affiliated with the A. N. A.

The major part of the evening was spent in discussing details of arrangements for the coming A. N. A. Convention. All preparations have been given thoughtful attention, and our members feel certain that the convention will be an unusual success.

Exhibitions for the evening were:

Mr. Gaede: Various uncirculated and proof U. S. 3c. nickels.

Mr. Gies: 51 transportation tokens of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania; U. S. half dollar, 1855, S mint, very fine; U. S. half dollar, 1862, S mint, very fine.

Mr. Laughlin: Uncirculated sheet of notes of West River Bank of Jamaica, Vermont; Peru, 8 reales, 1732; Peru, 8 reales, 1749; Connecticut cent, 1788, mailed bust; New Jersey cent, 1786, wide shield; Pony Express Diamond Jubilee medals in silver; Holy Roman Empire, Maria Louise, thaler of 1780, brilliant uncirculated, initials SF below bust.

Mr. Hall: Four very old encased daguerreotypes.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY (N. Y.) COIN CLUB—July 16th, fifteenth meeting, President Guttag presiding. Fourteen members and five guests were present.

The secretary read a communication from the city clerk of New Rochelle advising that the matter of a commemorative coin to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the city of New Rochelle had been referred to the city manager.

Elmer E. Carpenter, of Scarsdale, was elected to membership, and the secretary announced that the application of Kenneth Tredwell was on file.

It was decided that the topic for the August meeting would be "Ancient Coins," and Harry Stein, visiting from the Bronx Coin Club, volunteered to bring us a paper on some phase of ancient coinage for that meeting.

The secretary announced that the annual A. N. A. Convention would take place at Pittsburgh, August 24th to 29th, and urged attendance of anyone who might be able to make the trip from here at that time.

Mr. Marsden, reporting on a trip to the Philadelphia Mint taken by three members of the club on July 6th, explained in detail the present methods of coining money as viewed by the visitor at the mint.

The topic for the evening was "Coins Relating to Independence," and the exhibits were as follows:

Dr. Cobin: Swiss, Berne, coin of independence.

Mr. Dewey: Cyrus W. Field medal, commemorating the laying of the first Atlantic cable; coins relating to independence, including 1934 Texas, 1925 Lexington-Concord and 1926 Sesqui-Centennial half dollars and a Connecticut cent, Inde et Lib 1787.

Mr. Guttag: Wooden and china medals of the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia; various other medals of the 1876 Exposition at Philadelphia, including one of the Main Building, another of Memorial Hall and another of Independence Hall, and a set of four medals in the original boxes of issue.

Mr. Hoy: A medal commemorating the war between France and Germany in 1870-1871; a medal of Kaiser Wilhelm I of Germany, medal of the New

Orleans Exposition in 1884, and a medal of Heinrich Der Fromme, of Germany, dated 1539.

Mr. Knobloch: Holy Roman Empire, crown of Maximilian of 1603.

Mr. Kortjohn: Texas and Sesqui-Centennial half dollars of the United States.

Mr. Marsden: Four three-inch medals of Presidents of the United States struck at the Philadelphia Mint, and three smaller ones.

Mr. Sghia: Uncirculated gem specimens of the 1795, 1796 and 1800 half dimes of the United States.

After the exhibit Mr. Kortjohn read a special paper concerning the evils existing in the present method of distribution of commemorative half dollars and suggesting a number of remedies which might clear up the situation somewhat. In the discussion which followed it was brought out that:

First—The present system of distributing commemorative coins lends itself admirably to profiteering on the part of the organization issuing the pieces or the dealers who may offer them for resale, at the expense of the collecting fraternity.

Second—Original high prices are discouraging new collectors from starting this important series and causing others to abandon it.

Third—Events are being commemorated which have little or no importance on our national history.

Fourth—Artistically, several of the new pieces leave much to be desired.

No action was taken on the matter as it was expected that the subject would be brought before the A. N. A. Convention in August.

Mr. Guttag distributed specimens of the new Hudson commemorative half dollars to members present at $1 each.

DETROIT COIN CLUB—July 18, 270th regular meeting. Twenty members and two visitors were present.

The application for membership of Art Milcer was referred to Mr. Dworkowski for investigation.

The secretary was authorized to purchase as many El Paso commemorative half dollars as he has orders for.

DETROIT COIN CLUB—August 1, 271st meeting. Nineteen members and one visitor were present.

The application of Art Milcer was accepted.

Mr. Dworkowski showed the Oregon Trail Memorial Association "Pony Express Diamond Jubilee" medal.

Mr. Meyerfeld showed a collection of German fractional emergency paper currency and a Martin Luther porcelain commemorative medal.

ATLANTA COIN CLUB—July 17. Eight members and four visitors were present.

This was bargain night, and many of the members brought minor coins that they offered cheap, and a number of such changed hands.

At our next meeting, August 7th, Mr. Warner will give a talk on "One Dollar Bills," his collection of these items probably surpassing any known collection in this district.

CALIFORNIA COIN CLUB—89th meeting, July 2. Twenty members and three visitors were present.

News of the Old Spanish Trail half dollar was received. Date of issue has not yet been announced.

A motion was carried that the secretary be authorized and directed to buy the club a scrapbook in which to mount clippings pertaining to numismatics from various publications.

News was received that Mr. Wernstrom, of the San Francisco organization, is ill.

It was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to interview the city librarian with a view to securing purchases of good numismatic literature.

A sterling silver medal commemorating its seventy-fifth anniversary has been presented by the Boston Numismatic Society to this club. The gift is appreciated.

Mr. Jorgensen exhibited a splendid series of "Coins of the Bible," which

was the subject of his talk this evening. This covered many of the coins mentioned in the Bible, including the shekel Israel, the Widow's mite, Tribute penny or denarius of the Emperor Tiberius, shekels issued during various periods under the Maccabees, the Herods, etc., the First and Second Revolts of the Jews against the Roman authority, coins issued by the Roman emperors used in Palestine, and coins issued by Roman legions and procurators, including coins struck under Pontius Pilate.

CALIFORNIA COIN CLUB—88th meeting, June 4. Twenty-two members were present.

Dr. Smith talked about his trip to Greece and Greek coins he saw and got there. Some mementoes he showed from his Greek adventure proved very interesting.

Mr. Jorgensen exhibited and talked about a number of Greek coins to illustrate Dr. Smith's talk, and his remarks were, as usual, informative and appreciated.

An auction took place and a quantity of coins changed hands, both usual and unusual.

Mr. Haas brought the good wishes of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Sosociety from that organization's last meeting to the club.

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB—Eighth meeting, July 18th, President G. W. Williams presiding. All officers present except Messrs. Requard and Cann. Attendance 16.

H. M. Bash was appointed chairman of program committee by the President for the quarter ending September 30th, thereby relieving Mr. Hill of these duties.

G. B. Pescetto was elected to membership.

A card was received from the Secretary of the A. N. A. acknowledging receipt of our application for membership in that organization.

Topic and exhibition for next meting to be "Copper Coins of U. S."

Meeting adjourned so that regular club auction could be conducted by Chairman McCormick.

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB—Ninth meeting, August 1st, President G. W. Williams presiding. Attendance 16.

Remarks were made by members present in reference to requesting local members of the A. N. A. to make application for membership in the club. It was decided to wait for cooler weather before mapping out a program to increase our membership.

Chairman Bash of the program committee introduced Mr. Bartholomew Bratton, of the U. S. Secret Service, who gave us a most enlightening and interesting talk on counterfeit paper money and the methods employed in its detection. He exhibited numerous specimens of these counterfeits, calling the attention of those present to the defects in the various pieces. Most of the specimens shown were very cleverly made and it is the opinion of the secretary that most persons who might have an occasion to handle them would very likely accept them as genuine. Mr. Bratton then presented to the club library a volume entitled "The U. S. Mint and Coins," by A. M. Smith. A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Bratton in appreciation of his fine lecture and the donation of the above mentioned volume.

MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—Tenth meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Burmeister, Jr., at Mr. Polzer's Jewelry Store. Sixteen members were present, and three guests, Mr. Rowold, president of Heart of America Numismatic Association; Mr. Jaenicke and Mr. Becker. Two applications for membership were received. Mr. Rowold and Mr. Hemmer were elected members. Sixteen members of our club are also members of the A. N. A. out of a total of 20 members.

Mr. Stewart donated a Pony Express medal, and Mr. Burmeister a Lindbergh medal.

It was decided to have our next meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Shram, of Ripon, Wis., on Sunday, August 25th.

Mr. Polzer was a very kind host for the evening, serving cool refreshments.

K. G. Shram: 1836 pattern 2 cents, only 10 copies known, the first 2-cent

pieces struck in U. S. Mint; 1865 pattern 2-cent piece, in copper-nickel instead of bronze from regular dies, 15 copies known; 1865 pattern 2-cent piece, struck in copper and silver, obverse silver, reverse copper, struck from native Michigan ore, only 5 copies known; 1804 silver dollar, date changed from 1801, but a very neat deception; cannot be seen or noticed except by use of a magnifying glass.

Mr. Polzer: Complete set of small cents in proof and uncirculated.

Mr. Rowold: Regular issue of dollars, all types, either proof or uncirculated; ten types of pattern dollars, including a Gobrecht; special collection of patterns in dimes, quarters and half dollars.

Mr. Jaenicke: Collection of large cents, complete die varieties, and complete set of commemorative half dollars.

CORTLAND COIN CLUB—17th meeting, June 6th, President Seymour presiding. Present, eight members and three visitors. Two new applications were received and membership extended to Calvin McKee and L. H. Newton.

Paul Burns explained the postponement of the Central New York Convention. It was scheduled for June 1st, but will be held some time in October.

A letter was read from the Boston Numismatic Society regarding their 75th anniversary and the medal struck to commemorate it.

Exhibits:

Mr. Burns: 1935 Canadian Jubilee Dollar.

Mr. Clarke: South Carolina scrip.

Mr. Crofoot: 3c. and 6¼c. notes of Fairfield Village, N. Y., dated Dec. 17, 1816.

Mrs. Webb: A complete set of commemorative half dollars.

CORTLAND COIN CLUB—18th meeting, July 11th, President Seymour presiding. Ten members and one visitor were present.

The medal presented to our Club by the Boston Numismatic Society was exhibited. A motion was made and carried that it be placed on exhibit at the Cortland Free Library. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Boston Numismatic Society for the medal received.

The president and secretary were empowered to execute the proxy for the annual election of officers of the A. N. A.

The secretary was elected delegate to the A. N. A. Convention.

Paul Burns read a very interesting and educational paper on the "History of Money." Starting with barter, he reviewed the reasons for the need of some medium of exchange which eventually came to the use of coins. In passing he spoke of the various oddities of some of these mediums. He ended by giving an all too brief history of the coinage of the U. S.

A new member was elected, Mrs. Ruth Webb.

CINCINNATI NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—July 9th. There were eight visitors present who had coins to show or who wanted information regarding coins. The meeting was conducted by President Willis O. Crosswhite, who gave us an exhibit on commemorative coins and told us of the various methods used in the sale of these coins. As both of our last two Presidents of the United States have voiced their dissatisfaction regarding the distributing methods and the various ways that high prices have been obtained on new issues, it behooves numismatists throughout the U. S. to curb these practices if they wish these commemorative issues to be continued.

CHICAGO COIN CLUB—198th meeting, August 7. Fifty-nine members and guests were present. The meeting was called to order by President Ripstra.

Mrs. Flora Brown, W. Edward Fritz and John L. Steffan were elected to membership.

In the absence of Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Barger took charge of the exhibits. Mr. Rosholm spoke briefly of his exhibit of early Japanese coins.

Dr. Skeen read an article in a recent number of "Hobbies" on coin clubs and discussed it at some length. Mr. Ripstra spoke on the Illinois sales tax and its relation to relief, and gave out Illinois sales-tax tokens for one and a half mills to those who had not secured them.

Since our 200th meeting occurs in October, President Ripstra appointed Mr. Hewitt as chairman of the committee of arrangements. It was decided to have a dinner at the Atlantic Hotel. The possibilities of having a medal or token struck was also discussed. Final action on this was deferred until the next meeting.

A card from Henry Hunt, of Pittsburgh, was read, concerning exhibits for the A. N. A. Convention. Harry Wilson also spoke of the convention, urging members to send in their ballots or proxies. Several members expressed their intentions of being present.

The exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Boosel: Proof sets of 1870, 1879 and 1882.

Mr. McBrien: Dollar of 1803 in proof condition.

Mr. Davis: Four varieties of the first issue of fractional currency and two fifteen-cent Grant and Sherman notes, one with a green back and the other with a red back.

Mr. Rosholm: Some early Japanese coins, among which were quarter and one bu silver pieces, two bu in gold, coin from the Loo Choo Islands, counterstamped coins from Korea and Japanese tempos.

OMAHA COIN CLUB—Fifteenth monthly meeting, August 2nd. The meeting was called to order by Nelson T. Thorson, acting as chairman, due to the absence of President Cleland. Fifteen members were present and four visitors.

It was moved the secretary and treasurer be named as a committee to fill in the names on the ballots for election of officers of the American Numismatic Association for the year 1935.

Moved by Mr. Ford, and seconded by Mr. Smith, that a suitable resolution be drafted by the officers of the club protesting the method of distribution of commemorative coins and that an effort be made through the proper channels to make them available from the mint or memorial organization so the numerous coin collectors may be able to obtain them.

H. H. Smith gave a very interesting talk regarding the minting of coins from bullion to the finished product. Fred Hamilton will be the speaker for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned followed by an auction.

NEW JERSEY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—(Editor's Note: The minutes of the New Jersey Numismatic Society have not been published for the past six months, owing to the inability of the secretary to prepare them for the press in due season.) August 8th. Twenty-six members and three guests present.

James M. Wade, who is in charge of all numismatic news, read some very interesting current items collected by the members.

After a discussion it was moved and passed that the secretary cast the ballot of the society in favor of four nominees designated by the Society for the coming American Numismatic Association election in Pittsburgh.

A scrap-book containing bank checks with imprints of internal revenue stamps in many varieties covering various periods in United States history was exhibited by George H. Blake. Some of the checks bore the signatures of men whose names are universally known.

The meeting closed with an auction, with Charles F. O'Malley acting as auctioneer. Among the items offered for auction were a number from the collection of Henry C. Hines, who has continuously exerted efforts to put before the society material of an outstanding nature for the benefit of the younger collectors.

BUFFALO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—July 8th, 190th regular meeting. Thirteen members and three visitors were present.

The report from the committee in charge of the Tri-State Convention was read and tabled.

Sale catalogs were presented by the secretary, and the new A. N. A. Directory. The members indulged in comments on the directory.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Mosher: Copper and silver coins of Hawaii, including a rare plantation piece of 1882. Coins of Hungary, including the set of 1848 revolutionary coins. Complete sets of minor coins from Holland by recent rulers.

Scott's Paper Catalog, 1889; Scott's Coins and Tokens of the West Indies and South America; Coins and Medals of the French Colonies.

Mr. Lloyd: Transportation tokens of cities in the H series.

Mr. Baker: Large assortment of odd foreign coppers of the less common types.

SYRACUSE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—June 25th, sixty-seventh regular meeting, Robert G. Evans, president, presiding. Eleven members and one guest present.

Communication received from L. W. Hoffecker, El Paso, Texas, announcing the passage of bill authorizing the issue of 10,000 Old Spanish Trail half dollars.

Received from the Boston Numismatic Society a silver medal commemorating the 75th year of its existence. It was voted to be a beautiful specimen, commemorating a notable event of one of our outstanding numismatic societies. The secretary was instructed to acknowledge receipt of same and extend to the Boston Numismatic Society our thanks and good wishes.

Mr. Clarke gave an interesting talk on obsolete bank bills, principally the Southern States notes. His talk was illustrated with many beautiful and interesting bills issued by banks long out of existence.

The secretary delivered the Canadian silver dollars to all members who had previously ordered them.

No meetings will be held during July and August.

NEW YORK METROPOLITAN NUMISMATIC MEETING.

Announcement is made that all the clubs comprised in the metropolitan area of New York have joined forces for a "Metropolitan Numismatic Meeting," to be held October 11th, 12th and 13th, in New York City.

The plans include:

An auction sale on Friday afternoon, October 10th, to be held by one of the prominent coin auction houses.

A movie party at the Radio City Music Hall on Friday evening.

For October 12th, which is Columbus Day and observed as a holiday in a number of States, it is expected that a fine numismatic exhibit will be arranged at Rockefeller Center, and for the evening a get-together dinner.

On Sunday afternoon, October 13th, the American Numismatic Society, in its beautiful buildings and museum, will hold a reception, including a view of their treasures, for all those attending the meeting.

While the intention of the meeting is chiefly to bring together all the members in the metropolitan area, who are members of the several clubs which include the New York, Bronx, Brooklyn, Westchester, New Jersey and Chase Bank Clubs, and also the American Numismatic Society, invitations are to be extended to all the Eastern and Central States clubs of the A. N. A., and it is hoped that all A. N. A. members will avail themselves of this opportunity to pay a visit to New York, with numismatics as the chief objective.

With the cooperation of all these clubs, a good numismatic feast should be assured to all visitors.

It is promised that the expense of the entertainment will be held to a low figure.

All the details of the meeting have not yet been worked out, but all members and readers of The Numismatist outside of New York who are interested in a visit to the metropolis at that time, and who would like to participate in the festivities, are urged to write of their intentions to the chairman of arrangements, Moritz Wormser, 95 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

ROCHESTER'S SECOND HOBBY SHOW.

The Rochester Hobby Council will hold its second hobby show the week of September 2 to 7. The exhibits will include coins, stamps and other hobbies from all of Western New York State. Prizes will be awarded for the best exhibits. A guest speaker will be invited for coin day, September 7. All collectors are invited to attend.

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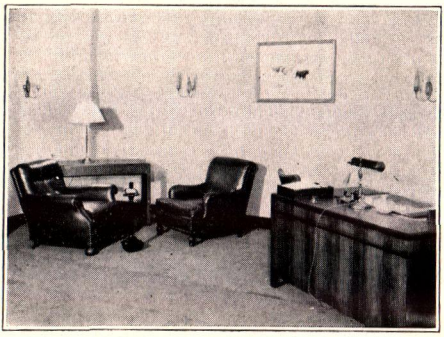

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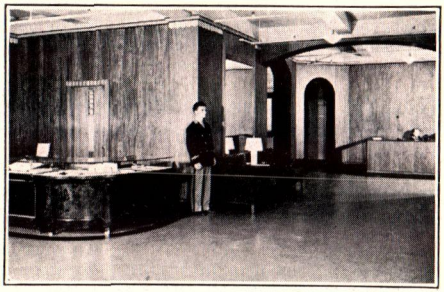

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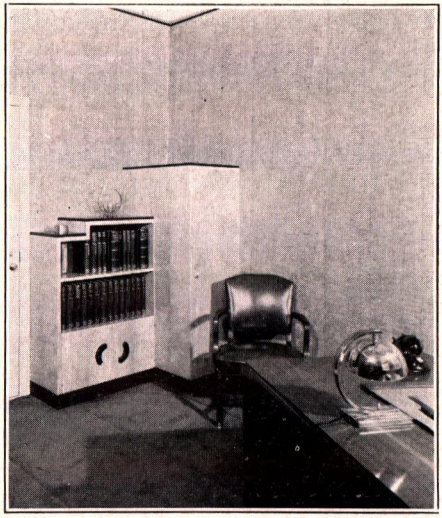

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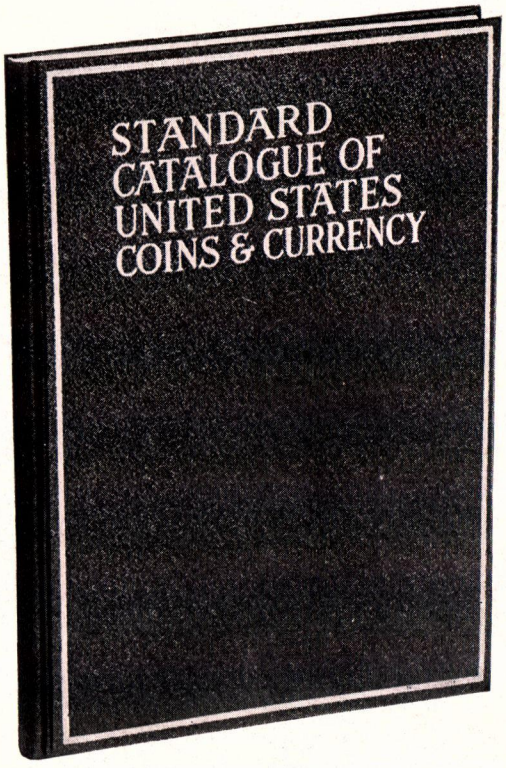

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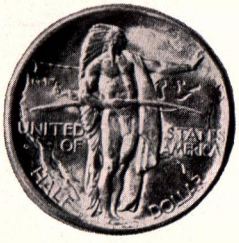

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